(e) the other steps proposed to ensure that food production is completed with poverty alleviation and environmental presentation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) to (d) There is no separate scheme to launch a second green revolution in the country. However, Government is implementing a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes for increasing the production of cereal crops. Technology Mission of Pulses and Maize are also being implemented meeting the requirement of growing population.

(e) In addition to implementing various schemes for increasing production of foodgrains, Government is implementing a number of other schemes for poverty alleviation also; e.g. Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojna (SGRY), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP).

Development of rice by IRRI

3736. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that scientists from International Rice Research Institute have developed a new variety of rice;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be introduced for use by public at large?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) and (b) The International Rice Research Institute, Philippines develops and identifies rice breeding materials/ lines and provides them to the National Agricultural Research system for evaluation and testing. Recently, such lines have been identified in the areas of New Plant Type and Drought and Submergence tolerance etc. These lines are being tested in our national programme on rice.

(c) Since these lines are at various stages of testing, the time by which they are likely to be released will largely depend on their performance in the multi-location trials under Indian conditions.